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OSHA investigating cause of deadly blast

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

For the second time in as many years, a deadly fire struck the magnesium floor of Spectrulite Consortium Inc. in Venice.

One employee died and three others were seriously injured as a result of the fire at the plant, located at the corner of College Street and Baumann Avenue.

Thomas Rheiher, 49, of Waterloo, died at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur from injuries sustained in the fire. He was pronounced dead just before noon — about four and a half hours after the fire ignited, authorities said.

Three other employees — Allen Simshouser, 51, of Cahokia; Byron Pinkston, 59, of Galesburg; and Charles Green, 35, of Caseyville — were also taken to St. John's Mercy from St. Elmo by Medilink paramedics.

Simshouser was listed in critical condition Friday morning. He sustained burns to more than half of his body.

Pinkston and Green were listed in serious condition. Pinkston was burned on 30 percent of his body and Green nearly 20 percent.

Three other employees were treated at SEMC for less serious injuries.

Management employees at SCI were unavailable for comment or to explain the mishap either Thursday or Friday. A secretary

said that many managers were out of town Thursday and were returning Friday. Investigators from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration were on the scene, she said.

The Venice fire department and employees had the fire under control in less than an hour.

The cause of the fire had not been determined as of Friday morning.

SCI processes molten magnesium, a highly volatile element that reacts on contact with water.

The fatal accident is the second at the plant in as many years. In November 1994, Jody Richie was fatally wounded by an explosion. Investigators determined that a pump had

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Town petitions may be thrown out

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

Two women who circulated petitions to place a referendum on November's election ballot in Granite City Township testified under oath Thursday that they obtained some signatures prior to registering to vote.

The women, Misty Hammond and Kristen Willis, told the township electoral board they began circulating petitions Aug. 16, two days after the election.

State law requires petition circulators to be registered voters.

The revelation will likely mean that fewer than 586 signatures obtained on petitions filed Aug. 19 by mayoral candidate David Partney to place the following question on the Nov. 5 ballot: "Should ownership of a legalization be continued in the city of



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Granite City?"

"Yes," Partney says he is in favor of continuing township government. A "no" vote would be in favor of eliminating it.

Partney's petitions contained 1,873 signatures. A minimum of 1,793 signatures — 10 percent of the number of registered voters in the township at the conclusion of the last election — are required to place the question on the ballot, according to the state board of elections.

Sub-Chief Delin Assessor Debbie Gray, an employee of

the township, filed an objection to the petitions, asking that the signatures obtained by Hammond and Willis be ruled invalid.

If those signatures are thrown out, the petitions would lack a sufficient number of signatures to be placed on the November ballot.

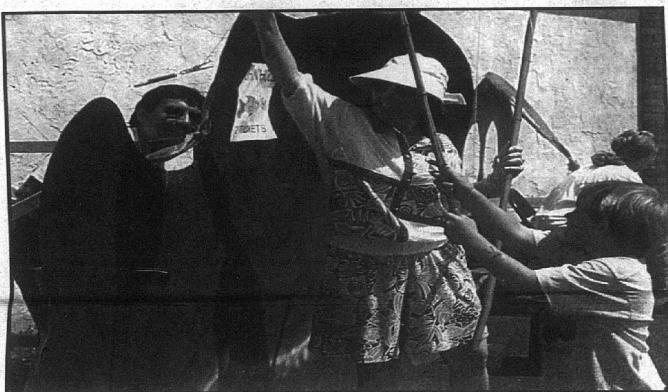
The township electoral board — Township Supervisor Bernie Hagnauer, Town Clerk Judy Whitaker and Assessor Skubis — must rule on the objection.

If the signatures are ruled invalid, Partney said, he will appeal the decision to the circuit court.

He said Hagnauer, Whitaker and Skubis all have an interest in keeping the referendum from the ballot: all three receive a pay check from the township.

"You can't expect persons involved in politics to make an issue to decide in an

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Fair time — Sharon Feliciano helps Cory Stevens, 6, land a small prize from the "fishin' hole" at the Family Worship Center Vacation Bible School's kids' fair. Sharon's husband, Tony, crouching behind the whale cutout, clipped the prize, in this case a pen, onto the line. More photos on Page 2A.

Heroin bust: 6 arrested; drugs, cash seized

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

Six individuals were arrested Thursday evening when police executed a search warrant on an alleged heroin house in Granite City.

Sixteen individual packages, or "crons," of alleged black tar heroin, more than \$1,000 cash, dozens of used capsules and other para-

phelia were confiscated from the house at 1441 Madison Avenue, officers from the Granite City police department, the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois and the Drug Enforcement Administration converged at about 5 p.m.

Charges were pending Friday against the six persons arrested.

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen

said the arrests were the culmination of an investigation that was initiated by his department's two-man undercover narcotics unit about three weeks ago in response to complaints from neighbors.

"We knew there were selling heroin out of this house, and we were trying to develop a case," Ruebhausen said.

Police initially arrested four individuals

Ruebhausen called "dealers." After the house was secured, potential customers began showing up and police arrested them as well, Ruebhausen said.

He said that a recent concentration of law enforcement in East St. Louis has resulted in drug houses springing up throughout the Metro East.

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New drag strip opens Saturday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It's been a long wait, but on Saturday auto racing enthusiasts will finally get a chance to check out the new drag strip and other improvements at Gateway International Raceway.

The new 4,000-foot drag strip will open that weekend for the Missouri/Illinois Dodge Dealers Monster Mopar Weekend XI.

The event will be Sept. 7-8 at the raceway, located on Illinois 203 in Madison near the Interstate 55/70 exit.

Racers will compete for \$13,000 in prize money. The event will

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Formal opening ceremonies for the new drag strip will be at noon Saturday.

"It's been a long time coming, but we're pleased to be up and running on our new drag strip and showcasing a taste of what's in store for motor sports fans in the coming months," said Rod Wolter, general manager at Gateway International.

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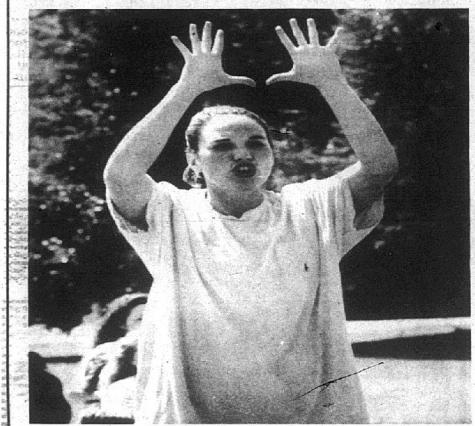
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All in fun — Dawn Meyenberg, above, paints a smiley face on the forehead of Jesse Copeland, 6, during the Family Worship Center's Vacation Bible School kids' fair. Below left, Priscilla

Meyenberg lip syncs and dances for the crowd. Below right, Tony Feliciano watches Jeremy Copeland, 8, fish a prize out of the "fishin' hole."



Hoese faces drug charge

A former Granite City firefighter/paramedic was charged with three felony counts of drug trafficking Wednesday.

Agents from the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois found about 10 ounces of a white powder, alleged cocaine, in his home last week, police sources said.

Greg Hoese, of the 1900 block of Fourth Street near Madison, was charged with two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver.

Hoese, who was being held on bond totaling \$275,000, resigned from the Granite City fire department two years ago.

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Cab driver faces battery charge

A 30-year-old Granite City cab driver was charged Wednesday with allegedly choking a woman with the cord to a window blind early Wednesday morning to keep the woman from leaving his apartment.

The victim, a 34-year-old West Granite resident, told police she had lost consciousness after being choked, and awakened on a bed in the apartment.

John E. Bernheisel, of the 2000 block of Washington Avenue, was charged with aggravated battery and aggravated unlawful restraint in connection with the incident.

Based on the warrant is \$75,000.

According to a police report, the victim met Bernheisel at about 10 p.m. Tuesday night when he gave her a ride to a friend's house in the downtown area in his cab.

Bernheisel returned to the house early Wednesday morning, the victim said.

Bernheisel and the victim then left the house to buy a pack of cigarettes at a nearby convenience store and to get some marijuana from Bernheisel's apartment, the woman told police.

After purchasing a pack of cigarettes, the two went to the apartment and smoked a marijuana cigarette, the woman said.

As the woman was leaving, Bernheisel allegedly wrapped a cord from a window blind around her neck, choking her until she passed out.

The woman awoke on a mattress in the apartment.

When Bernheisel asked if she was sorry, the victim then offered to buy him a pack of cigarettes at a convenience store, but instead called police from a pay telephone, the report states.

Bernheisel told a police officer that he had choked the woman, but that he had told her he was sorry, the report notes.

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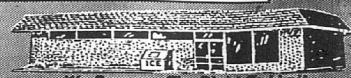
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Obituaries

E. Makarewicz

Edward J. Makarewicz, 72, of Granite City, formerly of East St. Louis, died at 5:10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1996, at his residence.

Born Oct. 20, 1923, in East St. Louis, he had been a resident of Granite City for 29 years.

An accountant with Mercantile Bank in St. Louis prior to his retirement in 1989, he was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and a World War II Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Irene (Skowron) Makarewicz, whom he married May 19, 1948, at St. Adalbert Church in East St. Louis; two children, Carol and Michael Makarewicz, both of Granite City; two sisters, Lucy Wadlow and Frances Makarewicz, both of Collinsville; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Caroline (Kopera) Makarewicz, and two brothers, Stanislaw Makarewicz and Joseph Burzel.

Services were Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. William Fisher officiating. Burial will be in St. Adalbert Cemetery in Fairview Heights.

Arrangements were handled by Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for Holy Family Catholic Church.

Martell Davis

Martell Davis, 84, of Jerseyville, formerly of Granite City, died at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 1996, at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton, following a one-month illness.

Born May 3, 1912, in Granite

City, he was of the Presbyterian faith.

Mr. Davis was a hotel manager prior to his retirement.

Survivors include one nephew, Donald J. Davis of Fairfax, Va.; and three cousins, David R., William E. and Marion A. Davis, all of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John A. and Minnie (Wolf) Davis; and one sister, Mildred J. Davis, who died in 1995.

Services were Saturday at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for First Presbyterian Church in Granite City.

Maria Thompson

Marie (Amato) Thompson, 91, of Edwardsville died at 7:55 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1996, at University Manor Nursing Home in Edwardsville, following a one-month illness.

Born March 6, 1905, in Piezza, Italy, she had been a resident of Edwardsville for 70 years.

A cafeteria worker with St. Elizabeth School for 22 years, prior to her retirement in 1984, she was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include one daughter, Dinah Thompson of Granite City; one brother, Dominic Amato of Edwardsville; and one sister, Giovanna Barbieri of Edwardsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Thompson, who died in 1960; one son, Roy A. Thompson; and her parents, Giacinto and Marla Carmella (Manzelli) Amato.

Services were Friday at

Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. Francis Tebagura officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the University Manor Nursing Home Activities Department for field trips.

L. Richard Sennit

L. Richard "Dick" Sennit, 91, of Glen Carbon died at 3:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 1996, at Eden Village Care Center in Glen Carbon.

He was born Sept. 1, 1904, in Bellfontaine, Ohio, and was a member of Will Hobbs Masonic Lodge No. 206 in Edwardsville and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Indianapolis.

Survivors include several nephews, a former Negro King, Kirby and Mary Ann Kirby, both of Collinville, Delores Loy of Chesterfield, Ill., and Vivian Vaughn of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna (Eichner) Sennit, whom he married May 28, 1938; his parents, Felix and Mary Elizabeth (Veeser) Sennit; one brother, and two sisters.

Graveside services and burial were Saturday in Spring Bay Cemetery in Spring Bay, Ill., with the Rev. Dennis Johnson officiating. Arrangements were handled by Her Funeral Home in Collinville.

Memorials are requested for the Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc.

Craft show set

St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 22nd Street and Grant Avenue in Granite City, will sponsor a craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.

Petitions

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unbiased manner," Partney said.

Partney's attorney, Morgan Scroggins, argued that there is no way to determine which signatures were obtained before or after women prior to registering because the petitions are not dated.

Scroggins said that the signatures must be counted until they are proven invalid. And because there is no way to tell which signatures were obtained before the women registered, Scroggins said, there is no way to prove them invalid.

Complicating the matter is the fact that the women said they did not read the statement at the bottom of the petitions, stating that they personally witnessed the signatures before signing them. In fact, the petition said, some signatures at the bottom contained signatures obtained by other circulators.

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While Gray's objection also

questioned signatures because they were printed rather than signed, he said, because they contained only initials rather than full signatures, those signatures are considered valid under state law.

Partney said he will not give up his goal of getting the question to the voters. If the referendum fails to make it on the November ballot, he will try again next year if he can find another group to support it.

Granite City and its township are coterminous — they share the same geographic and political boundaries. Officials elected to the city council also serve on the township board of trustees.

Partney has said that the township form of government in Granite City is inefficient and is a duplication of services.

He said township residents would see lower property tax bills if the township government was eliminated and services were provided by the city or county.

Township Assessor Darlene Laub has said there would be no tax savings because the services will have to be provided by some government entity.

•Heroin

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"This guy thought he was going to open up shop in Granite City. But through the cooperation of other agencies, we arrested four dealers and two customers who came by to make a purchase," Ruebhausen said.

Each of the 16 packages confiscated has a street value of \$100, he said.

The arrests were the result of the fourth heroin bust in the city in the last two weeks, police said.

"Heroin is more prevalent now than it has been in the recent past," Ruebhausen said.

Storytelling seminar set at SIUE

The Office of Continuing Education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will offer a storytelling seminar on Thursdays, Sept. 5-26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Peck Building, Room 241.

The seminar gives participants the opportunity to learn the art of storytelling.

This seminar is especially useful for teachers, scout masters, counselors, and religious educators.

Topics to be discussed include: finding your

story, research, making it your own, and telling with style.

The fee for the seminar is \$48.

Instructor Marilyn Kinsella, a storyteller since 1978, is a current member of the Riverwind Storytellers Inc. is also a storyteller at the Edwardsville Public Library.

She travels to more than 50 schools, festivals, and workshops each year to tell her story throughout the Midwest.

For more information, call 692-3210.

•Blast

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What do you think Granite City could improve on in the area of recreation for our youth?

BY SHIRLEY VALENCIA



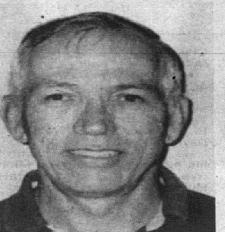
Rosa Blackwell Granite City "center for our youth with different activities to keep them busy like gymnastics and other sports, so that the dreams they have for today can somehow be accomplished with a head start."



Paula Hubbard Granite City "There is a great deal of organized sports available for adolescents and teens. Maybe a youth center. And, hopefully, grandparents, parents and youth volunteer cooperation. Something to make our youth feel included and needed."



Deb Geggut Granite City "I think there should be companies or corporations would be willing to donate a one-time, start-up fee for a youth community center. Then, a combined effort of our adults could support the youth through a small business within the youth center."



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through Nov. 30. Dogs and cats looking for loving homes are depending on the good people in the state to bring in their used aluminum food and beverage cans to the Granite City APA's shelter," said Kathy Beyer, public relations director. "Aluminum cans we recycle will help us earn money to support our shelter's work.

"For every pound of cans we recycle, we'll earn cash for

needed operating funds. We're also competing with shelters nationwide for a total of five \$5,000 grand prizes, and we need as much community support as possible to help us achieve this goal."

"Paws to Recycle" is an aluminum can recycling program sponsored by the American Humane Association, Friskies Pet Care Company and Aluminum Can Manufacturers of America. Participating animal shelters receive promotional kits to help them organize recycling programs along with free bags for Friskies.

The five shelters that demonstrate the most community involvement will receive a \$3,000 cash award.

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Voter registration drive set

Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus will host a voter registration drive Sept. 11 and 12. The campus' clerk's office will be open both days to register voters from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the front hall of the campus. Those planning to register should be at least 18 years old and bring two forms of identification. One form of identification must contain the applicant's current address. For more information, call Diane Copeland, GCC activities coordinator, at 931-0600 or 1 (800) BAC-5131, extension 441.



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County computers upgraded

New \$450,000 system provides immediate access to files

Madison County authorities now have access to thousands of court files without leaving the office, thanks to a new computer automation system. Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci

announced the completion Aug. 22 of a \$450,000 system — funded by county fees charged to the public — that processes several county offices' information at the touch of a finger.

The system, online in the offices of the state's attorney, public defender, sheriff, police and probation department, has been in the works for nearly four years. It is expected to save countless hours of research and travel time.

"I love it," Public Defender

John Rekowski said. "My office had been making 20 to 30 phone calls a day to the clerk's office in search of information. Now all we have to do is call it up on the computer."

Melucci's office has computed the county's court files, including civil, criminal and family. Traffic files are currently being installed. Officials still are trying to iron out a few wrinkles, but Melucci said he expects the system to

be in full swing within weeks. Probation Department Director Darrell McGibany said the system has allowed his office to process many times faster. "When you consider the number of cases we have and the time it took us to look up the information in the file, we could be losing a lot of hours we could have spent with clients," he said.

State's Attorney William Haine said his office also is benefitting from the system.

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Belck welcomes class of 2000, outlines SIUE action plans'

Chancellor Nancy Belck welcomed the class of 2000 to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Wednesday and called for the school to continue being "a can-do university."

Speaking at her third annual convocation, Belck outlined her "action plans" for the coming

year as the university nears its 40th anniversary in 1997.

"The university is truly the center of great promise," she told the students, staff and faculty filling the Vadalabene Center.

Belck set three initiatives for the 1996-97 school year: providing a high-value

education, improving quality of university life, and enhancing regional relationships and partnerships.

Belck's proposed educational offerings will reflect the university's desire to choose new undergraduate programs, including allied health, technology and criminal

justice, and a liberal studies degree for non-traditional students.

To boost the quality of university life, SIUE will offer a series of workshops on cultural diversity and expand its efforts to hire minorities.

The university also is

spending \$154,000 on technology, she said, to enable students, faculty and staff to utilize e-mail instead of writing in lines to conduct business. She said she plans to have SIUE "virtually eliminate the use of paper" within five to seven years.

To help them through their first year, freshmen now have a yearlong orientation, Belck said.

The university will strive to improve and maintain its infrastructure, Belck said, including construction of two retention basins to control storm water runoff.

SIUE will implement cooperative programming with communities and schools on both sides of the Mississippi River, she said.

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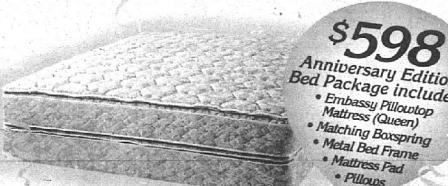
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Sunday

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Sports

September 1, 1996—Page 1B

Comanches race past Warriors

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Cahokia Comanches are even a bit as quick as advertised — no matter how far you go down on the depth chart.

Cahokia spoiled the debut of Granite City head coach Nick Petrillo in the best way as the Comanches routed the Warriors 46-7 Friday night at the Hagnauer Sports Complex in Granite City.

In all, seven different Comanches scored in the game, including second- and third-quarter touchdowns.

Also as good as publicized is Cahokia quarterback Byron Gettis, who looked like the best athlete on the field as he ran for one score and passed for two more.

The Comanches (1-0) turned what was a close, competitive game into a rout by outscoring the Warriors (0-1) 32-0 in the second half.

"I really felt we wore them down not necessarily with our size, but with our speed," said Cahokia coach Rob Edens. "I can go six deep in the backfield, even with our third and fourth teams."

"I think in the first half (that) we stopped ourselves. I knew we'd make some mistakes, and I was hoping they'd make as many as us. They came out and took it right to

us the first few times they had the ball. I think they have a lot of players playing both ways, and that's huge."

For Nick Petrillo, it wasn't the way he wanted things to go in his first game as the Warriors' coach.

"No, not exactly," Petrillo said. "We thought we had a chance to stay with them, and thought we'd be a little more ready to play than we were. We hoped they'd make some

mistakes. We played hard and gave it a great effort, but in the end, half their talent just took over."

"Rob doesn't blow any smoke. They're as good as he said," Petrillo added. "We didn't have that kind of game breaker, and we can't hurt ourselves with penalties and mistakes."

"Even in the first half we made some mistakes." (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

Younger lineup returns to lead Lady Warriors

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It appears that the transition between volleyball and basketball at Granite City High School is going very smoothly.

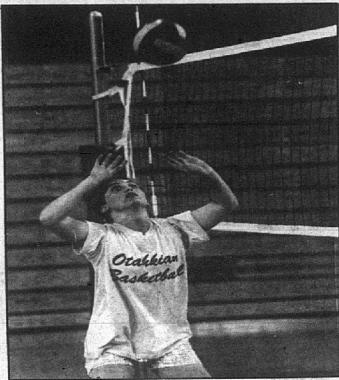
Former coach Cindy Gagich, who moved to an administrative position, has left the program in good hands with first-year coach Amy Cole. Apparently, Cole is happy with the way Gagich's athletes are responding to her training methods.

"Things are going really well," Cole said. "These girls have been working hard, and that's the main thing I'm impressed with so far."

The transition was made easier for Cole and the players because of the preseason work done by the team.

"I worked with these girls all through the month of June when we had an open gym," Cole said. "That's what I expect when they came to practice," Cole said. "They didn't question anything. I asked them to do this, and they did it without question."

Cole is happy to do this. She did not know about working with Cindy Gagich. "If I was coming into a program which was basically lax, it would have been a lot tougher



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City senior Amy Tapp sets up a teammate at the net.

for me. But they knew what they had to do to prepare."

The Lady Warriors will need to look to that (See SPIKERS, Page 3B)

Cole taking charge on GCHS court

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

With the volleyball season opener set for Wednesday, the Lady Warriors don't have a lot of time to prepare.

In fact, while some teams go two or three times per day, GCHS is holding just one organized session each day now.

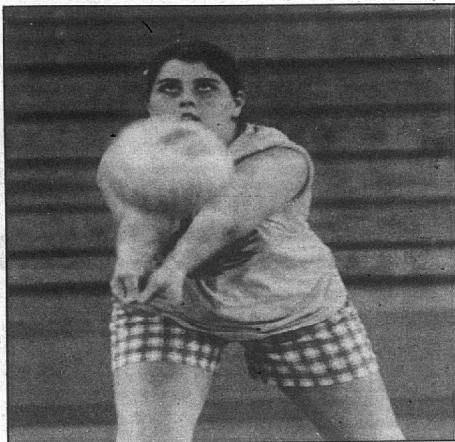
The reason is because first-year coach Amy Cole teaches school in Belleville before commuting to Granite City for practice each day.

Cole, who was a standout volleyball player at both the high school and college levels, has been a longtime resident of Belleville. So when she goes down the Southwestern Conference schedule, she'll play against the so-called matches against the two conference powers: Belleville East and Belleville West.

So how do you beat two teams with statewide elite status?

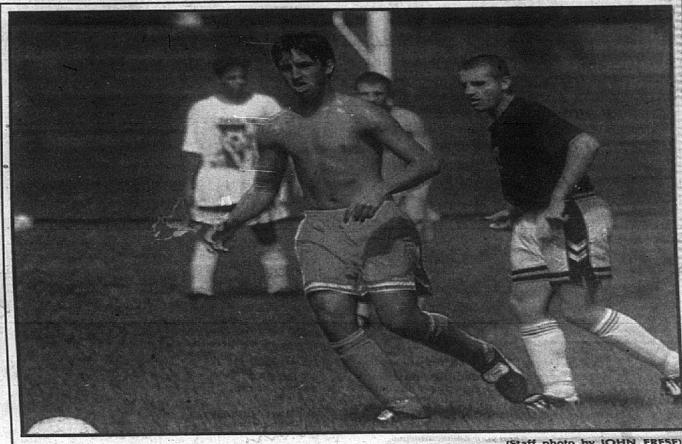
"Defense," she said. "You have to work very hard."

(See COLE, Page 4B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Melanie Gensert reaches to meet the ball. The Lady Warriors open the season Wednesday at Civic Memorial.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Getting in step — Granite City soccer player Adam Sanchez makes his way to the ball as teammate Jonas Janek (right) looks on. The Warriors were scheduled to open the season Saturday at Peoria Richwoods.

Lewis & Clark women aiming high

The 1996 men's and women's soccer programs at Lewis & Clark Community College have both received high rankings in the preseasn polls. And with good reason.

In 1995, the women's team went 14-4-1, ranked as high as third in the nation, and finished the season ranked sixth. The team enters this season ranked 11th.

Last year, the team played extremely well while being led in scoring by All-American Staci Dowdy of Granite City. Dowdy scored 14 goals and added 12 assists, totaling 40 points.

This year, Dowdy will be the featured scorer, but supporting help should come from sophomore Abby Henson, a 12th grader from Granite City, and freshman Bobbi Farmer of St. Jacob Triad.

"With Henson back from an injury, our morale should be up," coach Tim Rooney said. "Our team has a real good chance of being extremely solid, offensively as well as defensively."

Another strong defense are sophomore backs Katie Dooley (Alton) and Lisa Frosting (Wood River), along with



Staci Dowdy of Granite City returns to lead the Lewis & Clark women's soccer team after totaling 14 goals and 12 assists as a freshman last season.

can go wrong on defense," Rooney said.

"The defense does break. Rooney thinks man will be surprised by the play of freshman goalie Stacy Dennis (Francis Howell).

"Every time I see Stacy in goal, I'm impressed by her quickness and hands," Rooney (See KICKERS, Page 3B)

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Paddlers

SWIS Diving Finals
Aug. 3
100 freestyle
9-10 BOYS: Ian Hartzel 1st 1:33.86 9-10
GIRLS: Katie Hubbard 5th 1:39.12
11-12 BOYS: Matt Dittman 1st 2:11.24
12-14 BOYS: Nathan Becker 2nd
13-14 BOYS: Zack Shure 3rd
13-12 GIRLS: Cassidy 6th 1:22.10
12-14 BOYS: Zack Shure 2nd 58.20;
Matt Yehling 4th 58.20;
GIRLS: Karen Yehling 2nd 1:10.38;
Denise McMillan 3rd 1:12.34.

100-200 medley relay
8-under BOYS: Paddlers 1st 1:58.76
9-10 BOYS: Paddlers 3rd 1:12.92 9-10
GIRLS: Paddlers 3rd 1:29.60 11-12
GIRLS: Paddlers 1st 1:29.60 11-12
GIRLS: Paddlers 3rd 1:30.59 13-14
BOYS: Paddlers 1st 2:23.31 13-14
GIRLS: Paddlers 2nd 2:27.24 13-14
GIRLS: Paddlers 2nd 2:06.16 15-18
GIRLS: Paddlers 3rd 2:37.38.

25 freestyle
8-under BOYS: Jonathan Dombeck 1st 18.78 8-under GIRLS: Keeley Snelson 4th 21.66.

50 freestyle
9-10 BOYS: Matt Dittman 2nd 37.34
11-12 BOYS: Matt Dittman 3rd 31.88
13-14 BOYS: Nathan Becker 1st 27.81
13-14 BOYS: Zack Shure 2nd 31.88
GIRLS: Katie Hubbard 1st 27.81
Katie Ronk 5th 30.06 15-18 BOYS:
Cale Becker 3rd 28.66; Zack Shure 4th 27.09 15-18 GIRLS: Denise McMillan 1st 31.80 15-18 GIRLS: Paddlers 3rd 27.38.

100 freestyle
8-under BOYS: Jonathan Dombeck 1st 18.78 8-under GIRLS: Keeley Snelson 4th 21.66.

100 breaststroke
9-10 BOYS: Matt Dittman 1st 1:28.94
Scott Schardan 5th 1:27.93 13-14
GIRLS: Jamie Cassiday 2nd 1:35.89
Cale Becker 3rd 1:36.06 15-18 BOYS:
Cale Becker 5th 1:22.65; Cale Becker 6th 1:24.80.

25 backstroke
8-under BOYS: Jonathan Dombeck

than Dombeck 2nd 42.23; Brian Peterson 6th 50.33 8-under GIRLS: Jamie Cassiday 4th 56.96; Sara Hartzel 5th 29.50.

100 IM
9-10 BOYS: Justin Schooley 1st 1:28.18; Chris Heintz 3rd 1:41.90 11-12
BOYS: Matthew Pittman 1st 1:22.31 13-14
GIRLS: Martha Christiansen 6th 1:34.69.

200 IM
13-14 BOYS: Dave Doolen 2nd 2:51.09; Brian Reeser 5th 2:51.31 13-14
GIRLS: Robyn Baker 2nd 2:38.16 15-18
15-18 BOYS: Matt Yehling 3rd 2:38.72; Cale Becker 5th 2:54.06 15-18
GIRLS: Karen Yehling 2nd 2:57.82.

50 butterfly
13-14 BOYS: Nathan Becker 1st 1:10.06; Scott Schardan 5th 1:48.05 15-18
GIRLS: Katie Ronk 3rd 1:28.21 15-18 BOYS:
Zach Shure 3rd 1:13.47; Matt Yehling 4th 1:14.99 15-18 GIRLS: Katie Ronk 1st 1:33.38; Matt Yehling 2nd 1:21.95; Denise McMillan 4th 1:33.38.

100 butterfly
8-under BOYS: Brian Peterson 2nd 1:28.55; Jonathan Dombeck 3rd 1:33.38.

50 butterfly
13-14 BOYS: Brian Peterson 1st 1:10.06; Scott Schardan 5th 1:48.05 15-18
GIRLS: Katie Ronk 3rd 1:28.21 15-18 BOYS:
Zach Shure 3rd 1:13.47; Matt Yehling 4th 1:14.99 15-18 GIRLS: Katie Ronk 1st 1:33.38; Matt Yehling 2nd 1:21.95; Denise McMillan 4th 1:33.38.

100 free relay
8-under BOYS: Paddlers 2nd 1:26.37
8-under GIRLS: Paddlers 2nd 1:34.97.

100 breaststroke
9-10 BOYS: Brian Peterson 1st 1:28.94
Scott Schardan 5th 1:27.93 13-14
GIRLS: Jamie Cassiday 2nd 1:35.89
Cale Becker 3rd 1:36.06 15-18 BOYS:
Cale Becker 5th 1:22.65; Cale Becker 6th 1:24.80.

200 free relay
9-10 BOYS: Paddlers 2nd 1:26.37
Brian Reeser 5th 1:28.54 13-14
GIRLS: Paddlers 5th 1:34.13 15-18
BOYS: Paddlers 1st 2:07.90 15-18
GIRLS: Paddlers 2nd 2:12.38 15-18
BOYS: Paddlers 2nd 1:52.41; Cale Becker 6th 1:52.41.
GIRLS: Paddlers 3rd 1:17.19.

100 butterfly
8-under BOYS: Paddlers 2nd 1:26.37
8-under GIRLS: Paddlers 2nd 1:34.97.



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

Granite City's Tim Hogan takes third on a stolen base during the Clippers' Mon-Clair League playoff game against Valmeyer Aug. 17. The Lakers defeated the Clippers and went on to a runner-up finish in the Mon-Clair finals.

Prep soccer

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS

September
3 at ESL Lincoln... 4 p.m.
4-7 Chaminade Tournament... TBA
14 Althoff... 4 p.m.
17 at Edwardsville... 7 p.m.
19 at Alton... 7 p.m.
20 at Gibault... 11 a.m.

October
1 at McCluer North... 4 p.m.
3 Belleville West... 4 p.m.
7-12 Granite City Tournament... TBA
17 Granite City... 7 p.m.
19 at St. Louis U.High... 7 p.m.
21 at Althoff... 7 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS

August
31 at Waterloo... 5:30 p.m.

September
1 at Cahokia... 5:30 p.m.
5 at Alton Marquette... 5:30 p.m.
9 at Alton Marquette... 5:30 p.m.
14 at Edwardsville... 11 a.m.
18 Gibault... 5:30 p.m.
21 at ESL Lincoln... 5:30 p.m.
23-25 CYC Tournament... TBA

October
1 at Granite City... 5:30 p.m.
3 at Belleville East... 4 p.m.
5 at Alton... 5:30 p.m.
9 at Wescellin... 4 p.m.
12 at Oakville... 11 a.m.
15 Hazelwood Central... 5:30 p.m.
17 at Collinsville... 3 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES

September
3 at Waterloo... 4 p.m.
6 at O'Fallon... 4 p.m.
10 at Centralia... 4 p.m.
12 Lebanon... 5:30 p.m.
15 at Marion... 4 p.m.
19 Metro East Lutheran... 4 p.m.
20 Carbondale... 4 p.m.
22 CYC Tournament... TBA
30 Gillette... 4 p.m.

October
1 at O'Fallon... 4 p.m.
7 Gibault... 4 p.m.
9 Centralia... 4 p.m.
10 at Carbondale... 4 p.m.
12 Lebanon... 4 p.m.
14 Waterloo Invitational... TBA
22 at Lebanon... 4 p.m.
23 Wescellin... 4 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS

August
31 Edwardsville... 5:30 p.m.

September
5 at DeSmet... 5:30 p.m.
7 CBG... 5:30 p.m.
9 at Gibault... 4 p.m.
10 at Belleville West... 5:30 p.m.
12 Granite City... 5:30 p.m.
17 Chaminade... 5:30 p.m.
19 at Belleville East... 4 p.m.
23-25 CYC Tournament... TBA

October
1 at Collinsville... 4:15 p.m.
3 at Alton... 5:30 p.m.
15 Granite City... 4 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS

August
31 at Collinsville... 4:15 p.m.
1 at Granite City... 5:30 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS



(Photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

GCHS booster Linda Schermer (right) sells popcorn to Leisha Williams, 12, at a concession stand during the Warriors' Midnight Madness practice Aug. 19.

Softball

Granite City Park District Results

Results Aug. 19
Women's 1A

Gamecocks*	11-1
The Other Team	9-2
Vipers	8-4
American Collid	8-4
Top Dog Spills II	5-7
Jack & Jill's	3-8
Parrot's MC'D's	2-10
A.O. Smith Trojans	0-12

Scores Gamecocks 14, American Collid 11
The Other Team 4, Bessermans 2
Gamecocks 9, The Other Team 6

Men's 3A	10-2
Matt's Muffler Law Offices	8-3
Nu Tan	7-4
Funky Cowboys	7-4
Bindi's	7-4
Ernie & Annie's	4-7
Rover Dogs	3-8
Weber Chevrolet	1-11
Scored Funky Cowboys 7, Weber Chevy 0 Bindi's 7, Weber Chevy 0 Nu Tan 6, Ernie & Annie's 9 Matt's Muffler 22, Reservoir Dogs 7	

Scores Flames 20, Jacobsmeiers 16
Jacobsmeiers 19, Flames 14
Flames 16, Jacobsmeiers 10
Flames 18, Jacobsmeiers 11

Women's 2A	11-1
Charie Ray Motors 27, Euro. Tan 20	
Tacole 19, Pace Setter Corp. 12	
Charie Ray Motors 11, Tacole 9	
St. John's 1A	

Scores Charlie Ray Motors 27, Jacobsmeiers 16
Jacobsmeiers 19, Flames 14
Flames 16, Jacobsmeiers 10
Flames 18, Jacobsmeiers 11

Men's 2A	10-2
Ernie & Annie's	11-1
M.H.C.W.A.	9-3
Jacobsmeiers II	9-3
Jacobsmeiers	5-7
Little People Day Care	5-7
Laidlaw	2-10
St. John's Sav-A-Lot	4-7

Scores Flames 20, Jacobsmeiers 16
Jacobsmeiers 19, Flames 14
Flames 16, Jacobsmeiers 10
Flames 18, Jacobsmeiers 11

Women's 3A	11-1
Churchill 20, Jacobsmeiers 16	
Calvary Baptist 11, St. John's 14	
Worship Life	
Peace Church	
Nameoki United Meth.	
Grace Baptist	
First Pent.	
Shipley Chiropractic	
Smoky Joe's	

Scores Flames 20, Jacobsmeiers 16
Jacobsmeiers 19, Flames 14
Flames 16, Jacobsmeiers 10
Flames 18, Jacobsmeiers 11

Men's 4A	10-2
Ernie & Annie's	11-1
M.H.C.W.A.	9-3
Jacobsmeiers II	9-3
Jacobsmeiers	5-7
Little People Day Care	5-7
Laidlaw	2-10
St. John's Sav-A-Lot	4-7

Scores Flames 20, Jacobsmeiers 16
Jacobsmeiers 19, Flames 14
Flames 16, Jacobsmeiers 10
Flames 18, Jacobsmeiers 11

Church 2A	12-4
Suburban Baptist*	
Calvary Baptist 11, St. John's 14	
Worship Life	
Peace Church	
Nameoki United Meth.	
Grace Baptist 12, First Pent.	
First Pent. 12, Jacobsmeiers 11	
Shipley Chiropractic	
Smoky Joe's	

Scores Flames 20, Jacobsmeiers 16
Jacobsmeiers 19, Flames 14
Flames 16, Jacobsmeiers 10
Flames 18, Jacobsmeiers 11

Men's 5A	11-1
Inglewood 11*, Side Pocket 10	
Big Dog Light...	
Eclectic Mud Puppies	
Inglewood 11*, Side Pocket 10	
Kramden's 1...	
Outlaws 1...	

Scores Inglewood 11*, Mud Puppies 10
Kramden's 11, Inglewood 10
Side Pocket 11, Side Pocket 10
Kramden's 11, Side Pocket 10
Outlaws 1...

Church 3A	12-4
City Temple*	
St. John's U.C.C.	
City Temple 11	
1st United Pentecost.	
Calvary Baptist	
Billie's Evang.	
Harvest Assembly	

Scores First United Pent. 7, City Temple 0
St. John's U.C.C. 7, City Temple 0
St. John's U.C.C. 7, First United Pent. 0
Calvary Baptist 7, Billie's Evang. 0

Men's 25-Over	8-1
Bindy's	6-6
Sports Tap	6-6
G.C. Eiks	4-6
Dilligaf	4-6

Scores Dilligaf 2, Sports Tap (no score)
Sports Tap 25, Dilligaf 23
G.C. Eiks 7, Engle's 7
Bindy's 7, Dilligaf 0

Men's 60-Over	8-0
MCY	
Dairy Queen	
Old Rockies	
Imo's Pizza	

Scores MCY 12, Old Rockies 3
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GSC dance
The Granite City Soccer Club's annual Beverage and Chicken Dance will be held Saturday, Sept. 21 at KC Hall in Granite City. Music will be provided by the Street Express Band. Tickets are available from GSC coaches and board members.

The cost of the dance is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, call the GSC soccer hotline at 876-9000.

Baseball tryouts
The Bulldogs Midget I Baseball Club is holding tryouts for the 1997 season. Players must be born after July 1, 1984. For more information, call (314) 868-7765.

Madison softball

Teams are being accepted for the upcoming fall softball season on a first-come, first-serve basis for play at the Madison Softball Complex. Men's non-competitive teams will play on Thursday nights, while men's competitive teams will square off on Wednesday nights. The coed league will play on Saturday nights. All teams will play a 10-game schedule beginning Sept. 4. The entry fee per team is \$225. For more information, call Jim Broadway at 451-1440.

Youth soccer tourney

A youth soccer tournament for recreational soccer league teams will be held Oct. 1-12 at the Charles Martin Family Sports Center in Granite City. The tournament will feature teams of seven or eight players

per side, and is open to girls and boys ages 5-13.

The registration deadline is Sept. 18. For more information or to register, call Rubin Mendez, CMFSC tournament director, at 452-4521 during the afternoon, or at 452-7395 in the morning or evening hours.

Flag football league
The fifth annual Budweiser Flag Football League is now forming. Competitive and recreation leagues will be held with registration fees of \$10 per team. The National Championships are awarded in both leagues.

Play will begin in September in Belleville. Space is limited and new leagues are forming quickly. For more information, call 277-4090.

Flag football program

The Granite City Park District is continuing its Flag Football Program. The league will play on Monday nights and Saturday nights at George Sykes Field in Wilson Park. The league is for boys in grades 3-6. Registration is being taken at the Wilson Park office.

The fees for the program are \$10 for adults, \$12 for children and \$10 for non-residents. Helmets and shoulder pads are furnished by the Park District.

All teams will play a 10-game schedule beginning Sept. 4. The entry fee per team is \$225. For more information, call Jim Broadway at 451-1440.

GCSC teams forming

Open registration is now being held for both boys and girls 5 years of age and older who wish to join the Granite City Soccer Club. The cost to register is \$30 per child.

For more information, or to register, call 876-9000.

Ladies' senior softball
A local women's senior softball team is looking for women age 40 and over who are interested in playing in the Illinois Senior Olympics in September in Springfield. The team is also looking for players interested in playing an exhibition game Oct. 1 as part of the Granite City Centennial Celebration.

Interested players are asked to call Eva Horn at 797-8585 or Betty Arbeiter at 876-9121 as soon as possible.

Soccer tournaments
The Celtic United Soccer Club will host two indoor tournaments in November.

The first tournament, for boys and girls teams from kindergarten through U-10, will be played Oct. 14-20 at Jamestown Sports in North County. The second tournament, for boys K-U-14 teams and girls K-U-18 teams, will be held Oct. 5-6 and 12-13 at Concord Sports Club in South County. The cost for each tournament is \$110 per team, with two games guaranteed. For applications or more information, write Celtic United Soccer Club, P.O. Box 13403, St. Louis, Mo. 63136. Or call Mark (314) 837-3837.

CYC soccer

CYC adult soccer leagues have openings for men's and women's teams. Upper and lower division leagues for men and women will begin play Sept. 22. Openings are also available in the men's over-30

league. For more information, call Butch Rosier at 371-0106.

•Warriors

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Cahokia got on the board first after recovering a Granite City fumble on the Warriors' 11-yard line. Like Lightning, Gettis dropped back and found Tony Wolf in the far corner of the end zone, and it was 7-0.

But the Comanches were their kicking game. Cahokia missed four of its six extra-point attempts.

"I was not impressed with our kicking game," Eden said. "We have a lot to work on, but I'm happy."

The Warriors answered with a nice 11-play, 69-yard drive to take a 7-6 lead.

But the Comanches grabbed the lead right back with a drive of their own, keyed by a 58-yard scamper by Wolf on a flanker-reverse play.

After the Warriors' second quarter, the Warriors appeared to be right in the thick of things, but Gettis finished off a 55-yard drive with a 24-yard field goal. Just 1:30 later, he hit Laron Green on a screen pass, and Green did the rest, running 33 yards for a 27-7 lead.

Green failed to stay in the game mostly on the running of tailback Mike Posey, a transfer from Tennessee. Posey galloped for 88 yards in the first half, but was held to just six more in the second.

"I knew they had a couple good skill kids, and I read about the Posey kid," Eden said. "He's quick into the holes, but we were able to cut him off in the second half and were able to slow him down. Basically in the second half, we just told the kids to find the ball and run."

"Posey did look good. If he stays healthy, he's going to be a real good player for us," Petillo said. "Our blocking broads do a great job, and he had to take a licking and he shouldn't have had to take."

"We don't have a lot of depth. We're good at the skill positions, but we don't have depth there. We're going to surprise somebody, I really believe that."

Eden brought in the non-starters for the fourth quarter, but the visitors still had the Comanches were still ultra-quick. James Foster, DeMonde Witherspoon and Treon Harris all scored on long runs to put the game away.

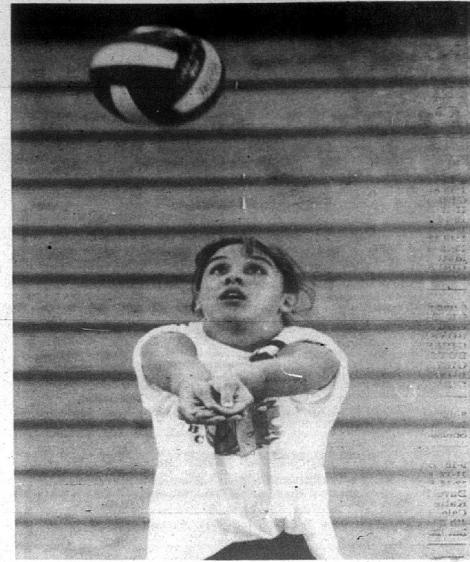
"Nick's got a good program here, and they'll be all right. It's a credit to them that they never quit in this game," Eden said. "I think the most speed I've had in 26 years of coaching."

"But we were able to play a lot of kids and get them some experience. I think we learned some things, and I think we'll get better each week."

The Lady Warriors did not have a lot of height, although they have at least two players near 6-foot tall. But they can make up for that with speed and good defensive skills.

According to Cole, "The one thing we really lack is experience. But these girls can make up for that with desire and the ability to pick things up quickly."

The two girls with the most varsity experience, and the two who will anchor Granite



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Lady Warrior senior Jenna Wright makes a pass during practice this week.

•Spikers

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City's front line are senior Stéphanie Brandt and junior Jenna Wright.

Senior Tonna Druhe and junior Laurie Bohnensiehl will join the setting, and they'll move to the front row and do their share of hitting.

Brandt will likely be an outside hitter, along with Melanie Ginsert, Amy Tapp and at times, Jamie Cavanaugh. Kelly Lasiter and Cuver will share the duties in the middle hitter spot.

"I'm really not looking for any middle hitters or setters," Cole said. "I have two or three of each, which makes for a good nucleus. It's good that I have depth at middle hitter, because I can get a good outside hitter, and you play outside hitter, and you play to have a natural middle hitter with some height."

Of course, all the girls will be working on their defensive skills for back-row duties.

The Lady Warriors open the season Wednesday at Civic Memorial, and their main goal is always good to get off to a good start in any season.

"It's not going to determine what your whole season will be like, but we'll hit the gate quickly," she said. "I'm really excited about this team, and we've been having a lot of fun."

•Kickers

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said.

In the midfield, sophomores Jamie Cavanaugh (McCluer North) and Kelly Lasiter (Granite City) blend experience alongside freshman Christa Metzmaker (Alton), Tricia Tallo (McCluer North) and Katie Ellebracht (McCluer North).

This is just the fourth year for women's soccer at Lewis & Clark, located in Godfrey. Rooney's teams have made impressive strides in that time. The Trailblazers went 8-10 in 1993, 12-9 in 1994 and 13-4-2 last year.

Rooney's focus is on fundamental development and his strategic knowledge of the game. In 1995, the NJCAA named Rooney Coach of the Year for the South-Central Region. Only three other coaches across the country received the same award for their respective regions.

The Trailblazers' first three games are on the road this year. They open play at home noon Sept. 7 against the Lindenwood College junior varsity squad.



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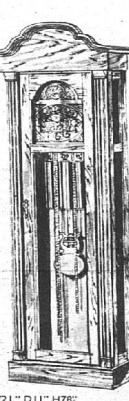
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•Cole

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Cole should know. She has played on club volleyball teams in Belleville over the past few years. And she's often played with both former and current Belleville high school players. "I know the talent level of those teams, and she knows why Belleville schools have consistently good volleyball programs."

"The junior highs, meaning the junior highs, have excellent programs as well," she said. "And when they get to high school most of them get on with the Belleville team. That's why they have good teams, year after year."

And that's what Cole wants Granite City to become: a consistent power house.

Cole is already beginning the push for her players to join volleyball club teams, and she's also very interested in what happens in the middle school programs.

However, she's had very little time to work with coaches at either Coolidge or Grigsby. "With the freshmen we have out right now, the future looks

good for us," she said. "That tells me there's some good coaching in the junior high levels. But in other ways, the kids that come in can look pretty raw, so I want to work as hard as I can on helping those programs out. Hopefully I can concentrate on that more after this season."

"We could look better in some areas. You can't just take a point where you're really not a club team experience. Two things that help are the traveling many teams do, plus playing with and around the best players in an entire area. You have to do it, because the other teams are doing it."

One thing Cole can count on is the help from her assistant coaches, Ruth Hyatt (junior varsity) and Deb Germann (freshmen).

"Because Ruth is the JV coach, I'll be working with her more closely. I think I'm confident that both Ruth and Deb are excellent coaches, and I'm thrilled to have their help," Cole said. "They know the players a little better than I do, so I'm always going to need their help and advice."

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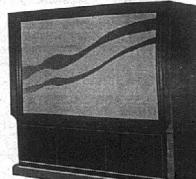
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